

Allowing Verizon and the other big cable companies to sell each others' services would inevitably mean worse service and higher bills for consumers. It will deepen the digital divide, cutting off poor and rural communities for high speed access. It will also mean thousands of lost jobs. This is not competition; this is consolidation, leading to monopoly pricing and monopoly behavior.

Verizon and the other cable giants Verizon and the cable giants want their monopoly deal to go through to make life easier for them. Instead of having to compete against each other for our business, they'll just be able to raise prices and leave consumers without another choice. The deal would funnel money out of the pockets of citizens, ordinary users, small businesses and workers into the pockets of cable and wireless executives.

With no competition, the rural communities where Verizon has already been reluctant to extend its best services will be left behind. Everywhere else, we'll see higher costs for worse service. Verizon and cable executives will surely increase their profits and bonuses, but the only thing consumers would get out of this deal are higher prices, fewer choices, and fewer job opportunities.